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IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY
APPLICATION OF SOUTHWEST GAS
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF
INTERIM FUNDING FOR THE COMPANY'S
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE
ENERGY RESOURCE TECHNOLOGY
PORTFOLIO IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

Docket No. G-01551A-13-0407

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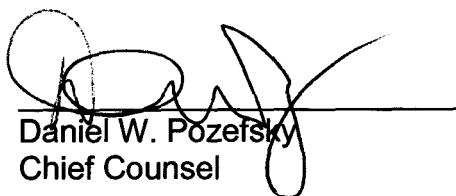
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RUCO'S COMMENTS TO STAFF'S MEMORANDUM

The Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") submits the following comments in response to Staff's December 31, 2013, memorandum regarding Southwest Gas' request for interim funding to support the continued operation of customer energy efficiency and renewable energy technology ("EE & RET") programs.

RUCO supports Staff's recommendation and is pleased that participation in Southwest Gas' EE & RET programs has increased significantly over the last two years. RUCO fears that any program disruptions due to insufficient funds could confuse customers and inhibit the ability of the utility to capitalize off of the high rate of demand currently taking place. To that end, RUCO supports the Staff recommendation to increase the Southwest Gas' EE & RET Implementation plan budget by \$1.3 million in order to ensure continued program operation.

1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of January, 2014.

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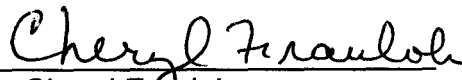
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